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HEALTH PROFILES FOR PENNSYLVANIA COUNTIES

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The Pennsylvania Department of Health has a legislative mandate to "protect the health of the people of the Commonwealth and to determine the most efficient and practical means for the prevention and suppression of disease." In order to advance toward these goals, we need statistical information on the health status of the population, the health care delivery system, and demographic and population characteristics.

The first health profiles were published in 1977 to provide a compendium of health data. These profiles have been updated and revised biennially, starting in 1978, to better meet the needs of governmental leaders, health program specialists, state and local planners, and concerned citizens.

The Health Profiles for Pennsylvania Counties are a series of 68 individual profiles - one for each county and one for the Commonwealth. The most recent information available was used. The year which the data represents is included in the profiles following each data item. Estimated population figures for 1984 are used throughout the profiles for the listed population as well as in the computation of all rates.

The major data source is the State Health Data Center, Pennsylvania Department of Health - specifically the Vital Statistics Cooperative Program, the Annual Hospital and Long Term Care Questionnaires, the Uniform Data Collection System for drug and alcohol information and the Developmental Disabilities Facility Questionnaire as funded by the Developmental Disabilities Planning Council. Additional sources include other units of the Department, (i.e. the Bureaus of Quality Assurance, Epidemiology and Disease Prevention, and Special Public Health Services), Pennsylvania State Data Center, Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare, Pennsylvania Office of Employment Security and Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.

The profiles will continue to be updated biennially, with the next edition available in 1988. Comments and suggestions for improvement are welcome. If there are any questions or if additional information is needed, please contact the State Health Data Center, Pennsylvania Department of Health, P.O. Box 90, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17108, telephone number (717) 783-2548.

POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

1. DEMOGRAPHIC DATA

Total Land Area in Square Miles	518	Median Age of Population (1980)	31.8
Estimated Population (1984)	235,801	% Population Urban (1980)	74.8
Population per Square Mile (1984)	455	Per Capita Personal Income (1983)	$12,113
% Population Change 1980 to 1984	+ 1.5	% of Population Receiving Cash Assistance (1985)	5.3
Projected Population (1990)	240,839	% of Labor Force Unemployed-Annual Average (1985)	5.7
% Population Change 1980 to 1990	+ 3.7	% of Pop. Eligible for Medical Assistance (1985)	7.6

Estimated Population by Age and Sex (1984)

AGE	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE	AGE	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE
ALL AGES	235,801	112,221	123,580	35-44	29,852	14,461	15,391
0-4	17,022	8,680	8,342	45-54	23,705	11,233	12,472
5-14	31,715	16,209	15,506	55-64	25,278	11,622	13,656
15-24	35,903	17,986	17,917	65+	31,085	11,787	19,298
25-34	41,241	20,243	20,998				

2. MARRIAGES AND DIVORCES (1984)

Number of Marriages	1,911	Number of Divorces	793
Rate per 1,000 Population	8.1	Rate per 1,000 Population	3.4
Median Age of Bride	25	Median Age of Wife	33
Median Age of Groom	27	Median Age of Husband	36

3. NATALITY (1984)

Number of Resident Births	3,212
Rate per 1,000 Population	13.6
Median Age of Mother	26
% Low Birth Weight (<2500 grams)	6.2

Resident Births by Age of Mother, Number and Percent (1984)

AGE	NUMBER	PERCENT	AGE	NUMBER	PERCENT
ALL AGES	3,212	100.0	30-34	601	18.7
UNDER 15	19	0.6	35-39	156	4.9
15-19	424	13.2	40-44	19	0.6
20-24	922	28.7	45+	0	—
25-29	1,071	33.3	UNKNOWN	0	—

4. MORBIDITY (1985)

Incidence of Notifiable Diseases

Gonorrhea	1,418	Meningitis:	Aseptic	1	Salmonellosis	29
Hepatitis:	Type A	3	Meningitis:	Meningococcal	3	Shigellosis	6
Hepatitis:	Type B	45	Mumps		5	Syphilis	15
Hepatitis:	Unspecified	1	Rubella		0	Tuberculosis	23
Hepatitis:	Non-A/Non-B	1					

POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS (Continued)

5. MORTALITY (1984)

Number of Resident Deaths	2,255	Number of Resident Infant Deaths	31
Crude Rate per 1,000 Population	9.6	Rate per 1,000 Live Births	9.7
Median Age at Death	74.1	Number of Fatalities in Motor Vehicle Accidents in Which Driver Had Been Drinking	14

Leading Causes of Death by Age Group, Number and Percent (1984)

All Ages			Under 5 Years of Age			5-24 Years of Age		
Cause	Number	Percent	Cause	Number	Percent	Cause	Number	Percent
Heart Disease	929	41.2	Perinatal Conditions	16	39.0	Accidents, All Forms	22	64.7
Cancer	482	21.4	Congenital Anomalies	10	24.4	Suicide	3	8.8
Cerebrovascular Disease	169	7.5	Accidents, All Forms	4	9.8	Homicide	2	5.9
Accidents, All Forms	82	3.6						
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	82	3.6						
All Other	511	22.7	All Other	11	26.8	All Other	7	20.6
TOTAL	2,255	100.0	TOTAL	41	100.0	TOTAL	34	100.0

25-44 Years of Age			45-64 Years of Age			65 Years of Age and Over		
Cause	Number	Percent	Cause	Number	Percent	Cause	Number	Percent
Accidents, All Forms	17	22.4	Heart Disease	177	38.2	Heart Disease	742	45.2
Cancer	16	21.1	Cancer	151	32.6	Cancer	314	19.1
Homicide	10	13.2	Cerebrovascular Disease	23	5.0	Cerebrovascular Disease	141	8.6
Heart Disease	8	10.5	Accidents, All Forms	16	3.5	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	74	4.5
Suicide	4	5.3	Pneumonia and Influenza	9	1.9	Pneumonia and Influenza	48	2.9
All Other	21	27.6	All Other	87	18.8	All Other	322	19.6
TOTAL	76	100.0	TOTAL	463	100.0	TOTAL	1,641	100.0

HEALTH SERVICES AND FACILITIES

1. HOSPITALS (1985)

Number of Hospitals by Type:

Total	General Acute Care	Psychiatric	Rehabilitation	Federal	Other
5	4	1	0	0	0

Number of General Hospitals with the Following Ambulatory Care Services/Facilities:

Community Mental Health Center	1	Structured Clinics	4	Emergency Services Capability:	
Home Health Service	0	Family Practice Center	3	Limited 0	General 1
				Basic 0	Comprehensive 3

Number of General/Specialty Hospitals with Neonatal Units:

Well Infant Nursery 4 Neonatal Intermediate Care Unit 0 Neonatal Intensive Care Unit 3

General Hospitals:

	Number	Number per 1,000 Pop.
Beds Set Up & Staffed	1,420	6.0
Admissions	49,658	210.6

Specialty and Federal Hospitals:

	Number	Number per 1,000 Pop.
Beds Set Up & Staffed	487	2.1
Admissions	278	1.2

Average General Hospital Semi-Private Daily Room Rate $238

HEALTH SERVICES AND FACILITIES (Continued)

2. NURSING HOMES (1984)

Licensed/Approved Facilities by Level of Care and Certification

Type of Facility	Total	Certified-Medicare	Certified-Medicaid
Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF)	5	5	4
Intermediate Care Facility (ICF)	1	0	1
SNF/ICF Combined Facility	7	7	7
TOTAL	13	12	12

Level of Care	Number of Licensed/ Approved Beds	Number per 1,000 Population Aged 65 and Over
Skilled	994	32.0
Intermediate	1,081	34.8
Total (SNF + ICF)	2,075	66.8

Median Age of Residents in Long Term Care Facilities 83.1

Median Semi-Private Daily Room Rate
Skilled $62
Intermediate $49

3. OTHER HEALTH SERVICES/FACILITIES

a. Drug and Alcohol Treatment (1985)

Admissions to State Supported Drug and Alcohol Treatment Facilities

Number of Facilities	Total Admissions	Primary Diagnosis: Drug Abuse	Primary Diagnosis: Alcohol Abuse	Primary Diagnosis: Other*	Percent First Admissions
13	1,595	365	1,167	63	35.0

Number of State Supported Drug and Alcohol Treatment Facilities Providing Specified Services

Inpatient Non-Hospital	Inpatient Hospital	Correctional Institution	Partial Hospitalization	Outpatient	Shelter
6	0	0	0	6	1

*Includes family members receiving counseling.

b. Emergency Health Services (1985)

Certified Emergency Medical Technicians	771	Certified Paramedics I	10
Ambulance Providers	27	Certified Paramedics II	65

c. Agencies/Facilities for the Developmentally Disabled (1983)

Total Number of Agencies/Facilities 17

Total Serving the Following Disabilities:

Mental Retardation	14	Autism	12	Muscular Dystrophy	13
Cerebral Palsy	13	Learning Disabilities	12	Other	13
Epilepsy	12	Multiple Sclerosis	13		

d. Primary Health Care Centers (1985)

Number of Agencies 4

e. Licensed Boarding Homes (1985)

Number of Homes 18